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## **Section 1      Lead/Cooperating/Responsible/Participating Agencies**

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### **1.1            List of Agencies, Roles, and Responsibilities**

#### **Overview to the Project and the Coordination Plan**

The California High-Speed Train (CAHST) system intended to serve future intercity travel demand in California traverses a diverse set of communities, regions, and natural resources. As a result, there is a critical need to engage and coordinate with a number of public agencies in the planning, design, permitting, construction, and implementation of this landmark statewide rail system. This coordination plan identifies public agencies that the California High Speed Rail Authority (Authority) and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) will consult during the project-level Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) and describes the process by which the Authority and FRA propose to seek guidance and share information during the preparation of the EIR/EIS. Additional detail regarding the California High-Speed Train (HST) Project, the environmental process, public and agency coordination goals and approach, and public outreach tools can be found in the San Jose to Merced to HST Project Public Participation Plan.

The CAHST Coordination Plan establishes a formal procedure by which interested governmental agencies can participate in the environmental review process. The purpose of the CAHST Coordination Plan is to facilitate and document the lead agencies' structured interaction with the public and other agencies as well as to inform groups of how the plan will be implemented. The coordination plan promotes an efficient, streamlined process, as well as good project management through coordination, scheduling, and early resolution of issues.

#### **Participating Agencies**

The CAHST Coordination Plan seeks to include Federal, State, tribal, regional, and local government agencies that may have an interest in the HST Project and participate in the environmental review process for that project. Nongovernmental organizations and private entities cannot serve as participating agencies. The Authority and FRA have identified the agencies below as potential participants in the Merced to San Jose High Speed Train (HST) Project EIR/EIS. The selection of these agencies represents a good faith, common-sense effort to identify and involve interested agencies early on, the objective being to raise and resolve issues as early and quickly as possible.

The roles and responsibilities of participating agencies include, but are not limited to:

- Participating in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process starting at the earliest possible time, especially with regard to the development of the purpose and need statement, range of alternatives, methodologies, and the level of detail for the analysis of alternatives.
- Identifying, as early as practicable, any issues of concern regarding the project's potential environmental or socioeconomic impacts.
- Providing meaningful and timely input on unresolved issues.
- Participating in the scoping process. The scoping process should be designed so that agencies whose interest in the project comes to light as a result of initial scoping activities are invited to participate and still have an opportunity for involvement.

## Cooperating Agencies

Cooperating Agencies are those governmental agencies with jurisdiction by law or special expertise that have been specifically requested by the lead agency to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document for the project. Cooperating and Participating Agencies that have been sent invitations for this project, as well as their responsibilities, are listed in the tables below and their contact information is provided later in Section 2 of this Coordination Plan.

The Cooperating Agencies for this project have roles and responsibilities that include, but are not limited to:

- Participating in the CEQA/NEPA process starting at the earliest possible time, especially with regard to the development of the purpose and need statement, range of alternatives, and methodologies;
- Identifying, as early as practicable, any issues of concern regarding the project's potential environmental or socioeconomic impacts. Cooperating Agencies are also allowed to participate in the issue resolution process;
- Providing meaningful and timely input on unresolved issues; and
- Reviewing and providing comment on the preliminary draft EIR/EIS and the preferred alternative.

If new information reveals the need to request another agency to serve as a Cooperating Agency, the FRA/Authority will issue that agency an invitation.

## Responsible Agencies

Responsible Agencies, as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act, are those local and state governmental agencies with jurisdiction by law or special expertise that have discretionary approval power over a project. Examples of approval authority include review, approval, or permitting authority over a project. While the lead agency (the Authority) is responsible for considering all environmental impacts of a project before approving it, a responsible agency has a more specific charge: to consider only those aspects of a project that are subject to the responsible agency's jurisdiction. Under CEQA, responsible agencies have two sets of responsibilities. First, they must respond in a timely fashion to lead agency requests for information or comments at various stages in preparation of the EIR. Second, they must fulfill their role in approving or acting on a project. Responsible and Participating Agencies that have been sent invitations for this project, as well as their responsibilities, are listed in the tables below and their contact information is provided later in Section 2 of this Coordination Plan.

## Initial Coordination

The FRA, with assistance from the Authority, submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS, as required by CEQ regulations 40 CFR 1501.7. The NOI was published in the Federal Register on March 16, 2009. The Notice of Preparation for the EIR was received by the State Clearinghouse on February 23, 2009. A notification regarding the preparation of the EIR/EIS was also published in the project area newspapers. The NOI and NOP announced a series of scoping meetings at which agencies, organizations, and the public could learn about the EIR/EIS process and raise initial concerns about the project and the scope of the environmental documentation. Three scoping meetings were held in March 2009. The scoping comment period extended through April 10, 2009.

**Lead Agencies**

Agency Name	Role	Responsibilities
Federal Railroad Administration	Federal Lead Agency	Manage agency coordination process; prepare EIS; provide opportunity for public & participating/cooperating agency involvement
California High-Speed Rail Authority	State Lead Agency	Manage agency coordination process; prepare EIR; provide opportunity for public & participating/cooperating agency involvement

**Potential Participating Resource Agencies (and Cooperating Agencies)**

Agency Name	Role	Responsibilities
<b>Federal</b>		
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation	Participating Agency	Section 106 consultation and compliance process
Department of Homeland Security	Participating Agency	Responsible for protecting United States territory from terrorist attacks and responding to natural disasters.
Federal Emergency Management Agency	Participating Agency	Executive Order 11988 Floodplain Determination
National Marine Fisheries Service	Participating Agency	Consults under Endangered Species Act for anadromous species. Implements Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act.
Natural Resources Conservation Service	Participating Agency	Implements the Farmland Protection Policy Act.
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Sacramento and San Francisco Districts)	Participating Agency	Section 404 Clean Water Act permit; Encroachment permit; provide comments on methodologies, mitigation measures
U.S. Coast Guard	Participating Agency	Preserves access to U.S. navigable waters.
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9	Participating Agency	NEPA compliance; wetland oversight; Executive Order 12898 Environmental Justice; air conformity
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 8	Participating Agency	Section 7 Endangered Species Act consultation process and compliance, Biological Assessment and Biological Opinion; provide comments on methodologies, mitigation measures
<b>State</b>		
California Air Resources Board	Participating Agency	Responsible for monitoring the regulatory activity of California's 35 local air districts; issuing statewide guidance on clean air



Agency Name	Role	Responsibilities
		regulations and climate change
California Department of Conservation	Responsible Agency	Administers agricultural conservation programs including California Land Conservation Act (Williamson Act) and California Farmland Conservancy Program. Monitors farmland conversion.
California Department of Fish and Game, Region 3	Responsible Agency	Streambed Alteration Agreement; California Endangered Species Act compliance; provide comments on methodologies, mitigation measures
California Department of Fish and Game, Region 4	Responsible Agency	Streambed Alteration Agreement; California Endangered Species Act compliance; provide comments on methodologies, mitigation measures
California Department of Water Resources	Responsible Agency	Regulates state water resources
California Environmental Protection Agency	Participating Agency	State oversight on air, water, soil, safe pesticides and waste recycling and reduction laws
California Native Plant Society	Participating Agency	Inventory of sensitive plant species
California State Lands Commission	Participating Agency	Administration of "Public Trust" lands
Central Valley Flood Protection Board	Responsible Agency	Manages the integrity of the existing flood control system and designated floodways through encroachment permits.
Department of Toxic Substances Control	Responsible Agency	Hazards and hazardous waste plans
Governor's Office of Planning and Research	Clearinghouse	Distribute published documents
Native American Heritage Commission	Responsible Agency	Section 106 consultation and compliance process
State Historic Preservation Office	Responsible Agency	Section 106 consultation and compliance process; approve APE; signatory to programmatic agreement
State Parks Service	Participating Agency	California state parks
<b>Regional</b>		
Bay Area Air Quality Management District	Responsible Agency	Conformity reviews
Grassland Water District /Grassland Resource Conservation District	Participating Agency	Manage long-term water supply to preserve and enhance wildlife resource areas

Agency Name	Role	Responsibilities
Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District	Participating Agency	Conformity reviews
Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority	Participating Agency	
Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (3)	Participating Agency	Section 401 Water Quality Certification or Waiver; Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan; NPDES permits, waste discharge requirements
Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (5)	Participating Agency	Section 401 Water Quality Certification or Waiver; Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan; NPDES permits, waste discharge requirements
Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (2)	Responsible Agency	Section 401 Water Quality Certification or Waiver; Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan; NPDES permits, waste discharge requirements
<b>Local</b>		
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District	Participating Agency	Conformity reviews



**Potential Participating Transportation Agencies (and Cooperating Agencies)**

Agency Name	Role	Responsibilities
<b>Federal</b>		
Amtrak (Coast Starlight and future Coast Daylight)	Participating Agency	Operator, intercity passenger rail (interstate service), trackage rights, shared corridor, adjacent to Right-of-Way
Federal Aviation Administration	Participating Agency	Airport and airspace jurisdiction
Federal Highway Administration, California Division	Participating Agency	Federal and state highway jurisdiction
Federal Transit Administration, Region IX	Participating Agency	Approval and funding of construction for transit improvements
<b>State</b>		
California Department of Transportation	Participating Agency	Encroachment permit, Right-of-Way, highway access, modification reviews
California Department of Transportation, District 4	Responsible Agency	Encroachment permit, Right-of-Way, highway access, modification reviews
California Department of Transportation, District 5	Responsible Agency	Encroachment permit, Right-of-Way, highway access, modification reviews
California Department of Transportation, District 6	Responsible Agency	Encroachment permit, Right-of-Way, highway access, modification reviews
California Department of Transportation, District 10	Responsible Agency	Encroachment permit, Right-of-Way, highway access, modification reviews
California Public Utilities Commission	Responsible Agency	Grade crossings, grade separations, systems safety
California Transportation Commission	Participating Agency	Funding of construction of highway, passenger rail and transit improvements throughout California
Caltrans Division of Rail	Participating Agency	Coordination and support of intercity passenger rail with Amtrak, staff to San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee
<b>Regional</b>		
Caltrain/ Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board	Participating Agency	Shared corridor, adjacent to Right-of-Way, stations and feeder systems

Agency Name	Role	Responsibilities
Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority	Participating Agency	Shared stations and feeder systems, oversight entity for Capitol Corridor
Metropolitan Transportation Commission	Participating Agency	Consistency with MTC RTP "Transportation 2035;" funding of highway, passenger rail, and transit improvements in the San Francisco Bay Area
San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District	Participating agency	Future extensions; future heavy rail service
San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission	Participating Agency	Shared stations and feeder systems
San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee	Participating Agency	Coordination with Caltrans Division of Rail regarding passenger rail issues
San Jose International Airport Authority	Participating Agency	Operation and maintenance of SJC
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority	Participating Agency	Coordination of transit services and feeder systems
Transportation Agency for Monterey County	Participating Agency	Coordination of future Caltrain connection
UPRR	Participating Agency	Shared corridor, adjacent to Right-of-Way
<b>Local</b>		
Altamont Commuter Express	Participating Agency	Commuter rail service operator
California Northern Railroad	Participating Agency	Rail owner (RailAmerica), in community of Volta

## Local Agencies

The following local agencies will be invited to participate in the coordination of the EIR/EIS:

Agency	Role	Responsibility
Association of Bay Area Governments	Participating Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
City of Atwater	Participating/ Responsible Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
City of Chowchilla	Participating/ Responsible Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
City of Dos Palos	Participating/ Responsible Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
City of Fresno	Participating/ Responsible Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS

City of Gilroy	Participating/ Responsible Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
City of Los Banos	Participating/ Responsible Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
City of Madera	Participating/ Responsible Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
City of Merced	Participating/ Responsible Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
City of Morgan Hill	Participating Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
City of San Jose	Participating/ Responsible Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
City of Turlock	Participating/ Responsible Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
Council of Fresno County Governments	Participating Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
Council of San Benito County Governments	Participating Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
County of Fresno	Participating/ Responsible Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
County of Madera	Participating/ Responsible Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
County of Merced	Participating/ Responsible Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
County of San Benito	Participating/ Responsible Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
County of Santa Clara	Participating/ Responsible Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
County of Stanislaus	Participating/ Responsible Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
Madera County Transportation Commission	Participating Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
Merced County Association of Governments	Participating Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
South County Airport	Participating Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
Stanislaus Council of Governments	Participating Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS

## 1.2 Agency Contact Information

This draft of the CAHST Coordination Plan contains a number of prospective participating agencies. Following the response to the invitation letters to participate in the San Jose to Merced HST Project EIR/EIS, the list of agencies will be updated to include those that elect to participate and to exclude those that decline to participate. At the time the CAHST Coordination Plan is updated, agency contacts will also be revised with the specific contact identified by the participating agency. The contact information for each agency identified in Section 1.1 is provided in alphabetical order below.

### Lead Agencies

Agency	Contact Person/Title	Phone	E-mail
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### Resource Agencies

Agency	Contact Person/Title	Phone	E-mail
<b>Federal</b>			
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation	John M. Fowler/Executive Director (Washington DC)	(202) 606-8503	jfowler@achp.gov
Department of Homeland Security	Joanne Brandani/Critical Infrastructure Protection	(916) 445-3083	Joanne.Brandani@OHS.ca.gov
	Hal Readdick/Planning	(916) 324-6194	Hal.Readdick@OHS.ca.gov
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	Sally Zoilkowski/Mitigation Division Chief	(510) 627-7100	sally.zoilkowski@dhs.gov
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National Marine Fisheries Service	Robert Hoffman/ Assistant Regional Administrator for Habitat Conservation	(562) 980-4000	Robert.Hoffman@noaa.gov.
	Jeff Stuart/Fishery Biologist	(916) 930-3607	j.stuart@noaa.gov
Natural Resources Conservation Service	Curtis Tarver/Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations	(559) 252-2191 x115	Curtis.Tarver@ca.usda.gov
U.S. Army Corps of	Michael Jewell/Division	(916) 557-6605	Michael.S.Jewell@usace.army.mil

Agency	Contact Person/Title	Phone	E-mail
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	Paul Maniccia, Regulatory Division	(916) 557-6704	Paul.M.Maniccia@usace.army.mil
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U.S. Coast Guard	Captain Charley Diaz/Chief of Staff	(510) 437-3201	Charley.L.Diaz@uscg.mil
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9			
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 8	Susan Moore/ Field Supervisor	(916) 414-6600	Susan_moore@fws.gov
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	Kellie Berry, Fish & Wildlife Biologist	(916) 414-6600	Kellie_berry@fws.gov
<b>State</b>			
California Air Resources Board	James Goldstene/ Executive Officer	(916) 445-8449	jgoldste@arb.ca.gov
California Department of Conservation	Bruce Gwynne/Staff Environmental Scientist	(916) 323-4943	Bruce.Gwynne@conservation .ca.gov

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	Dave Johnston/ Environmental Scientist, Santa Clara County	(831) 464-6870	djohnston@dfg.ca.gov
California Department of Fish and Game, Region 4 (Fresno, Madera, Merced, San Benito and Stanislaus counties)	Jeffrey Single/Regional Manager, Central Region	(559) 243-4005 x154	jsingle@dfg.ca.gov
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California Department of Water Resources	Richard Sanchez/Division of Engineering	(916) 653-3927	richs@water.ca.gov
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California Native Plant Society	Tara Hansen/Executive Director	(916) 447-2677 ext.201	thansen@cnps.org
California State Lands Commission	Paul Thayer/Executive Officer	(916) 574-1800	thayerp@slc.ca.gov
Central Valley Flood Protection Board	Dan Fua/Supervising Engineer	(916) 574-0698	dfua@water.ca.gov

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State Historic Preservation Office	Milford Donaldson/California SHPO	(916) 653-6624	mwdonaldson@parks.ca.gov
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State Parks Service	Ruth Coleman/Executive Director	(916) 653-8380	info@parks.ca.gov
<b>Regional</b>			
Bay Area Air Quality Management District	Henry Hiken/Director of Planning	(415) 749-4642	HHiken@baaqmd.gov
Grassland Water District /Grassland Resource Conservation District	Dave Widell/General Manager	(209) 826-5188	dwidell@grasslandwetlands.org
Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District	Richard Stedman/Air Pollution Control Officer	(831) 647-9411	rstedman@mbuapcd.org
Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority	Tony Campos/Chair	(831) 883-3750	tony.campos@co.santa-cruz.ca.us
	John Doughty/Executive Coordinator	(831) 883-3750	info@ambag.org
Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (3)	Roger Briggs/Executive Officer	(805) 549-3140	rbriggs@waterboards.ca.gov
Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (5)	Pamela Creedon/ Executive Officer	(916) 464-4839	pcreedon@waterboards.ca.gov
Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (2)	Brian Wines/Water Resources Control Engineer	(510) 622-5680	bwines@waterboards.ca.gov



Agency	Contact Person/Title	Phone	E-mail
<b>Local</b>			
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District	Daniel Barber/Supervisor, CEQA Indirect Source Review	(559) 230-5840	Daniel.Barber@valleyair.org
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## Transportation Agencies

Agency	Contact Person/Title	Phone	E-mail
<b>Federal</b>			
Amtrak (Coast Starlight and future Coast Daylight)	Jonathan Hutchison/ Director, Amtrak Government Affairs-West	(510) 238-2671	hutchij@amtrak.com
Federal Highway Administration, California Division	Stephanie Stoermer, Environmental Program Coordinator/FHWA California Division	(720) 963-3218	Stephanie.stoermer@dot.gov
Federal Transit Administration, Region IX	Ray Sukys/Director of Planning and Program Development	(415) 744-3113	Raymond.Sukys@fta.dot.gov
<b>State</b>			
California Department of Transportation	Randy Iwasaki/Director	(916) 654-5266	Caltrans.Director@dot.ca.gov
California Department of Transportation	Lisa Carboni/District Branch Chief, Local Development Intergovernmental Review	(510) 662-5491	Lisa.carboni@dot.ca.gov
California Department of Transportation, District 4	Bijan Sartipi/District 4 Director	(510) 286-5904	Bijan.Sartipi@dot.ca.gov
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California Department of Transportation, District 5	Rich Krumholz/District 5 Director	(805) 549-3101	Rich_krumholz@dot.ca.gov
	Brian Everson/District 5, Deputy District Director of Maintenance	(559) 243-3420	Brian_Everson@dot.ca.gov
California Department of Transportation, District 6	Malcolm Dougherty/District 6 Director	(559) 488-4057	malcolm_dougherty@dot.ca.gov
	Brian Everson/District 5, Deputy District Director of	(559) 243-3420	Brian_Everson@dot.ca.gov

Agency	Contact Person/Title	Phone	E-mail
	Maintenance		
California Department of Transportation, District 10	Kome Ajise/District 10 Director	(209) 948-7543	kome_ajise@dot.ca.gov
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California Public Utilities Commission	Leo Wong/Rail Safety & Crossing Branch Staff	(415) 703-5933	lsw@cpuc.ca.gov
	Felix Ko/Utilities Engineer	(415) 703-3722	fko@cpuc.ca.gov
California Transportation Commission	Bimla Rhinehart/Executive Director	(916) 654-4245	bimla.rhinehart@dot.ca.gov
Caltrans Division of Rail	Bill Bronte/Chief, Division of Rail	(916) 653-3060	bill.bronte@dot.ca.gov
<b>Regional</b>			
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Caltrain/ Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board	Michael Scanlon/Executive Director	(650) 508-6200	scanlonm@samtrans.com
	Robert Doty/Rail Transportation Chief	(650) 508-6200	dotyr@samtrans.com
Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority	Eugene K. Skoropowski/Managing Director	(877) 974-3322 Option 2	eskorop@bart.gov
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Metropolitan Transportation Commission	Steve Heminger/Executive Director	(510) 817-5810	sheminger@mtc.ca.gov
San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District	Gail Murray/BART Director	(510) 464-6095	boardofdirectors@bart.gov
San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission	Stacey Mortensen/Executive Director	(209) 944-6220	stacey@acerail.com
San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee	John Petrozo/Chair	(916) 651-8245 (209) 385-7366	Dist1@co.merced.ca.us
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority	Liz Kniss/Chair, Board of Directors	(408)-299-5050	liz.kniss@bos.co.santa-clara.ca.us
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Transportation Agency for Monterey County	Christina Watson/Senior Transportation Planner	(831) 775-4406	christina@tamcmonterey.org

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<b>Local</b>			
Madera County Transportation Commission	Patricia Taylor/Executive Director	(559) 675-0721	patricia@maderactc.org
San Jose International Airport Authority	William Sherry/Director of Aviation	(408) 501-7669	bsherry@sjc.org
<b>Operating Railroads</b>			
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### Local/Regional Agencies

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## Section 2 Coordination Points and Responsibilities

### 2.1 Coordination Points, Information Requirements and Responsibilities

#### Invitation to Participate

All prospective participating agencies will be invited to participate in writing by the Authority. Invitations to cooperating federal agencies will be sent by the FRA. State, regional, and local governmental agencies will be invited to participate by the Authority. Federal agencies that decline to participate are asked to indicate so in writing and to provide an explanation for their decision. If no response to the invitation letter is received from other public agencies, it is assumed that they will not serve as participating agencies. This section lists key coordination points, including which agency is responsible for activities during that coordination point, the information required at each coordination point, and who is responsible for transmitting that information.

Coordination Point	Responsibility of Lead Agencies	Information Solicited from Participating Agencies
Notice of Intent Notice of Preparation	Send participating agencies a copy of the NOI and NOP; publish notice in newspaper; invite agencies and public to public scoping meeting	Comments on NOI and NOP
Purpose and Need	Provide agencies and public with draft purpose and need statement in scoping materials; solicit comments; hold scoping meeting	Comments on Purpose and Need
Range of Alternatives	Provide participating agencies and public with information regarding alternatives being considered via letters; solicit comments; hold public and agency involvement meeting	Comments on range of alternatives and design options
Collaboration on impact assessment methodologies	Provide proposed criteria and methodologies to cooperating and participating agencies	Comments on methodology for pertinent resource areas
Socioeconomic and environmental impacts	Identification of resources located within project area & general location of alternatives – Provide information and hold cooperating agency meeting	Identification of any issues that could substantially delay permit approval

Coordination Point	Responsibility of Lead Agencies	Information Solicited from Participating Agencies
Circulation of DEIS/DEIR	Send participating agencies a copy of the DEIS/DEIR; publish notice in newspaper, and EPA NOA in Federal Register; invite agencies and public to public meeting	Comments on environmental analysis and mitigation measures
404(b)(1) Alternatives Analysis	Send EPA and ACOE 404(b)(1) Alternatives Analysis	Review/comment and consultation on LEDPA
Identify Preferred Alternative	Provide cooperating agencies with information regarding Preferred Alternative via letters; solicit comments; hold cooperating agency meeting	Comments on Preferred Alternative
Issue Biological Opinion	Provide USFWS Biological Assessment	Review/comment and consultation/coordination and issuance of Biological Opinion
Circulation of FEIS/FEIR	Send participating agencies a copy of the FEIS/FEIR; publish notice in newspaper, and EPA NOA in Federal Register	Comments on Preferred Alternative
Issue ROD Issue Notice of Determination	Send cooperating agencies a copy of the ROD	Cooperating agency NEPA decisions
Issue Clean Water Act Permits	Provide ACOE and RWQCB with permit application	Review/comment and consultation/coordination and issuance of permits
1602 Agreement	Provide ACOE and RWQCB with permit application	Summer 2012



## Section 3: Project Schedule

This section includes the key milestones and decision-making deadlines for each agency approval.

Coordination Point	Anticipated Date of Coordination Materials	Anticipated Date for Receipt of Comments from Participating Agencies
Notice of Preparation	February 2009	April 10, 2009
Notice of Intent	March 2009	April 10, 2009
Purpose and Need	July 2009	Summer 2009
Range of Alternatives	July 2009	Summer 2009
Collaboration on impact assessment methodologies	July 2009	Summer 2009
Socioeconomic and environmental impacts	March 2011	Spring 2011
Circulation of Draft EIR/EIS	May 2011	Summer 2011
404(b)(1) Alternatives Analysis	Summer 2011	Summer/Fall 2011
I.D. Preferred Alternative	Summer/Fall 2011	Fall 2011
Issue Biological Opinion	Summer 2011	Fall 2011
Circulation of Final EIR/EIS	Fall 2011	Winter 2012
Issue ROD/NOD	January 2012	February 2012
Issue Clean Water Act Permits	Spring 2012	Summer 2012
1602 Agreement	Spring 2012	Summer 2012

## Section 4: Coordination Meetings

The Regional Team with the assistance of the Lead Agencies, the Authority and FRA, will form agency coordination groups for each subsection the study area. These working groups will be composed of agency representatives that will likely be responsible for issuing environmental approvals and permits for each section of the HST system. A minimum of three groups should be formed for the purpose of conducting coordination meetings:

1. Local and regional planning agencies;
2. Transportation agencies and operating railroads; and
3. Environmental resource agencies.

Each of these groups will be expected to meet a minimum of twice during the Alternative Analysis (AA) process and every three to six months during the project-level EIR/EIS process or as needed. This will provide forums for information exchange and coordination, which will inform the Authority's teams in developing project-level EIRs/EISs to support issuance of permits and approvals.

Coordination Point	Anticipated Date for Coordination Meeting	Purpose of the Meeting
Stakeholder Briefings	December 2008-March 2009	Allow the Authority to re-introduce the HST project and describe the project-level environmental process
Scoping	March 2009	Identify range of alternatives, environmental effects and mitigation measures to be analyzed. Identify agency concerns.
Scoping Summary	July 2009	Overview of alternatives, summary of comments from scoping process
Initial Development of Range of Alternatives / Criteria for Evaluation	September 2009	Review initial range of alternatives, including design options and stations, and criteria for evaluation in AA and receive input from agencies.
AA Results	October 2009	Discuss results of alternatives analysis.
EIS Analysis: Existing Conditions (2 or 3 meetings)	October 2009 – March 2010	Discuss existing conditions information, clarify information and analysis needs where necessary
Resource Evaluation	June 2010	Coordination with resource agencies regarding resources in project area, potential impacts and mitigation concepts.
Pre-Distribution of Draft EIR/EIS	Fall 2010	Review draft EIS prior to publication to discuss analysis results and potential mitigation and address remaining issues.
Public Hearings/ Comment Period	Summer 2011	Receive comments from agencies and public on the Draft EIR/EIS
Results from Comment Period	Fall 2011	Discuss agency comments and address issues
Pre-Distribution of Final EIR/EIS	Winter 2012	Resolve remaining issues

## Section 5: Revision History

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2	7/1/09	Tony DeJulio	Accepted Edits
3	8/3/09	Tony DeJulio	Updated Agency Contacts
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